



NEWS RELEASE

NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NEMA) – 1300 MILITARY ROAD – LINCOLN, NE 68508-1090

Joint Information Center (JIC)

Flood Hotline: (855) 211-2453 or (855) 211-2454 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily

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Nebraska JIC Daily Update

All times are CDT, unless otherwise noted

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Flood Evacuees – Don't Leave Critical Papers Behind

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services reminds anyone evacuating due to flood waters to take important documents like birth certificates, marriage licenses, social security cards and insurance policies with them. Getting these replaced will take time and effort in an already trying situation.

Plattsmouth Has Contingency Plans in Place if Water Treatment Plant Floods

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health reports that the City of Plattsmouth has a contingency plan in the event that the Plattsmouth water treatment plant were to be flooded. Water from the Cass County Rural Water District No. 1 would be made available via existing piping to the city. If Rural Water District No. 1 needs additional water, it has a connection to the Beaver Lake Public Water System.

National Guard Update

There are 49 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen working in direct support of the flooding emergency. Included in that number are 12 Soldiers who are working in South Sioux City in support of local emergency management officials conducting 24-hour monitoring of the levees along the Missouri River.

Shelters open/ Red Cross

- Fort Calhoun High School, 1506 Lincoln St.
- South Sioux City Middle School, 3625 G St.

Road Closures

Information regarding road closures can be found at www.roads.ne.gov/flood/.

- **Hwy 12** closed east of Verdel to Niobrara State Park Recreation Road. The state park is open.
- **Hwy 12** closed one mile east of Niobrara to the Santee Spur (S-54D) contact: (402)-857-3722
- **Hwy 14/37** is closed from the junction with Hwy 12 to the Nebraska-South Dakota border (Standing Bear Bridge)
- **Hwy 30** closed between North Platte airport to Maxwell viaduct due to water over the road. Detour from Newberry Link (L56G) to I-80 to Maxwell (S-56A) east of Arthur. Water over the road at Milepost 193 to 194
- **I-680** into Iowa closed due to closure of I-29 in Iowa

River Levels

National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service as of June 14:

Platte River

Henry – 6.26 feet, flood stage is 5.5 feet

Mitchell – 9.33 feet, flood stage is 7.5 feet

Minatare – 7.37 feet, flood stage is 7.5 feet

Bridgeport – 8.51 feet, flood stage is 9.5 feet

Lisco – 4.16 feet, flood stage is 4 feet

Lewellen – 8.27 feet, flood stage is 7.5 feet

North Platte – 7.5 feet, flood stage is 6 feet

Brady – 7.85 feet, flood stage is 7.5 feet

Cozad – 5.75 feet, flood stage is 6.5 feet

Overton – 6.1 feet, flood stage is 7 feet

Kearney – 5.75 feet, flood stage is 6 feet

Grand Island – 5.66 feet, flood stage is 6.5 feet

Duncan – 5.66 feet, flood stage is 8 feet

North Bend – 5.32 feet, flood stage is 8 feet

Leshara – 5.68 feet, flood stage is 8 feet

Ashland – 16.52 feet, flood stage is 20 feet

Louisville – 5.13 feet, flood stage is 9 feet

Missouri River

Verdel – 28.9 feet, flood stage is 24 feet

Niobrara – 26.35 feet, flood stage is 21 feet,

South Sioux City – 32.98 feet, flood stage is 30 feet

Decatur – 37.54 feet, flood stage is 35 feet

Blair – 31.41 feet, flood stage is 26.5 feet

Omaha – 33.23 feet, flood stage is 29 feet

Plattsmouth – 33.83 feet, flood stage 26 feet

Nebraska City – 25.63 feet, flood stage 18 feet

Brownville – 39.86 feet, flood stage is 33 feet

Rulo – 23.61 feet, flood stage is 17 feet

[Flood Information - Informacion de Inundaciones](#) - resources and links can be found on the NEMA website at www.nema.nebraska.gov and click Flood Information - Informacion de Inundaciones in the Quick Links.

Para información de las inundaciones en Español, por favor usa estos recursos

County Updates

Boyd County

- Approximately 250 acres underwater
- County road 505th Avenue and Utopia Road is closed

Thurston County

- Winnebago is reporting wildlife coming into town and an increase in the mosquito population. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) warns that wildlife may act abnormally due to the stress of displacement. As animals interact and compete for the same resources, diseases such as rabies have an increased chance of transmission. Avoid direct contact with wild animals; however, under these circumstances they may be in unexpected places and act more aggressively. Flood waters may also displace reptiles such as snakes and turtles. Information on reptiles indigenous to Nebraska can be found at <http://snr.unl.edu/herpneb/>.

[List of County Emergency Managers](#)

[List of Nebraska Local Health Departments](#)

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